

# THE OUTCROP.

Devoted to the Mining and Development of the Windermere and Golden Divisions of the District of North East Kootenay.

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## OPENING OF LEGISLATURE

### Speech Delivered by Lieutenant- Governor

Members and gentlemen of the  
Legislative Assembly:

It is a great pleasure in welcoming  
the fourth session of the ninth  
year of British Columbia.

There is much cause for us to be  
proud in the fact that His Most  
Excellent Majesty King Edward VII  
has fully returned to health, and  
I am pleased that my first Minister  
has the honor of being present at his  
reception.

One of the most of the leading in-  
dustries of the province have, unfor-  
tunately, been seriously hindered by  
reason of disputes between owners  
and employees, the past year  
has been a fairly prosperous one.  
It is a pity to obstruct and setting  
these industrial differences in future,  
a conciliatory measure will be intro-  
duced.

I congratulate you on the fact that  
legislative respecting settlement in this  
province are so largely on the increase  
and also that as a consequence of the  
growth of population to Manitoba  
the Northwest Territories, which  
fully filling up and developing that  
territory, the demand for our lumber  
supply has greatly added to the  
supply of these industries in British  
Columbia.

Measures will be introduced for the  
purpose of dealing with lands in a  
manner that will tend to encourage in-  
crease of farmers and fruit-growers,  
and also satisfactorily adjusting exist-  
ing difficulties for dealing against lands with  
certain dying districts.

"Provision will be made, by survey or  
otherwise, for the more accurate  
delineation and better knowledge of  
the boundaries available for settlement and de-  
velopment."

"It is satisfactory to know that the  
lookout for railway construction in the  
province is promising, and I have  
pleasure in stating that bills will be sub-  
mitted for the purpose of giving aid in  
that direction."

"An act to amend the Assessment Act,  
for the purpose of improving the method of tax-  
levying, will be submitted for your  
consideration."

"Legislation will be introduced hav-  
ing in view the reclamation of the  
present system of taxation of metalliferous  
mines, and to amend the Coal  
Miners Regulation Act in accordance  
with the recommendations of the Com-  
missioners appointed last year to in-  
vestigate the cause of accidents in coal  
mines, with a view to securing greater  
safety of operatives."

ment and my first Minister and  
Attorney-General at Ottawa, in Febru-  
ary last.

"Carefully prepared estimates of re-  
venue and expenditure will be submitted  
without delay."

"With every confidence that your labors  
will be directed to the honor and  
advantage of the province, I leave you to  
your deliberations, and earnestly invoke  
on your behalf the divine blessing."

### Some Timely Advice

Now that men of all classes and con-  
ditions, are engaged in mining in  
British Columbia, the timely advice of  
an exchange should be needed. It is to  
work your mine on the same principle as  
a man would construct a building for  
business he had in view, being aware of  
his business before he built. Make  
mining a legitimate business and not a  
speculative one and the reward will  
come in increased work, good living and  
time of prosperity. Those who make  
a business of mining intelligently, suc-  
ceed, while failures as a rule come from  
want of knowledge and bad manage-  
ment. Develop the mine first, find out  
how to work your ore, if good enough,  
then put in your machinery.

It is important that mining companies  
should be in possession of the necessary  
data and documents to establish a clear  
title to the property which they claim to  
own. Often times mines and prospects  
are not all that they are represented to  
be and too close investigation cannot be  
given these matters. It is a serious re-  
flection upon those interested in mining  
companies who importunate friends to  
take stock in what may turn out to be  
but a wildcat scheme even though they  
acted in good faith.

## Croppings

Born—On Tuesday, April 7th, to the  
wife of W. H. Harrison, a daughter.

A framer is a machine which every  
mine timber shed could use where power  
is available. It is more economical than  
framing timbers by hand, and its work  
is accurate.

The Laborers' Cooperative Mining  
Company's paper, the Golden Star, says  
that company has not received a valua-  
ble smelter and points out that the Fergis-  
son smelter was a failure. This is good news  
for North East Kootenay.

Apply to Thos. F. Pirie, of Galena, for  
a sitting of 15 White Wyndolite eggs at  
\$1 a sitting. He guarantees a hatch of  
7 or will duplicate order at half price.  
Wyndolites are fine big foul and good  
layers.

A Galena correspondent writes that A. J.  
Mitchell, J. P. of Fortness Ranch,  
Briceau, met with quite a heavy loss last  
Saturday night. His purchased Here-  
ford cow "Buchanan" (No. 18782) got  
downed in his barnyard. This was  
valued at \$250.

The Dominion Paystreak has amalgamated  
with the New Denver Ledger and the  
two editors will start a new paper at  
Vancouver. Lowery and Macadam  
should publish the honest thing on every  
subject and the jury cost may have a change  
of climate.

A true friend who will recognize me  
when I am compelled to wear patched  
pants; who will take my hand as I am  
sliding down, no kick to take on my  
face. Such a friend is wanted by ten  
thousand human beings throughout the  
whole world. Who can fill the bill?  
—Ladies of Comestral.

## To Protect Large Game

The following petition is being cir-  
culated throughout this district for signa-  
ture by R. S. Gallop, of Canterbury, who  
has taken a great deal of interest in the  
endeavor to preserve the large game of  
this district. It is addressed to the Hon.  
W. C. Wells, and is being largely signed:

Hon. Sir,—We the undersigned hereby  
petition that the following be enacted at  
the present session of the Legislature, to  
wit:

a. That a reserve be placed on all that  
portion of the Windermere Mining Divi-  
sion east of the Columbia river and lake  
for a period of five years at least.

b. That the number of caribou, deer  
(buck or doe), elk wapiti (buck), moose  
(bull), mountain goat, mountain sheep  
(ram), allowed to be killed during one  
season, under the Game Act, be reduced  
to one-half.

c. That a game warden be appointed  
forthwith.

d. That Indians be placed on exactly  
the same footing as the white man under  
the Game Act.

e. That the Indians of this district be  
self-sustaining; that if they are allowed  
to continue the slaughter of large game  
it will be but a short time before the  
large game will become extinct.

By granting our petition your peti-  
tioners will ever pray.

## Telephone

The Wilmer Board of Trade at its last  
meeting took up the matter of tele-  
phone service in this district which has  
already proved a great convenience.  
The benefits derived from the telegraph  
was readily recognized and while the  
revenue of it has increased materially  
each month it was thought this could  
be further increased by the use of  
phones; although it is obvious that for  
business transactions the phone could  
in no wise take the place of the telegraph.

It was finally agreed that the Govern-  
ment be communicated with and asked  
to put in long-distance phones at Golden,  
Spillanechene and Wilmer and connect  
them with the telegraph wire. This  
could be done with very little cost and  
as it would be attended to by the present  
operators no extra cost would be neces-  
sary. The use of phones between Win-  
dermere, Ashcroft and Wilmer can  
be used for this purpose.

The Orea has been informed on  
good authority that 60 miles of wire will  
be put up very shortly to different parts  
of the district, having connection with  
Wilmer. It is proposed to make the  
Wilmer Telegraph office the central tele-  
phone office and by so doing the advan-  
tages are too plain to need expounding  
here. The usefulness of the private line  
to East Fork has been proven to  
much advantage already, and connection  
with Spillanechene and Golden will be  
still greater. Golden people are already  
assisting in the matter.

A machine drill may be mounted on  
timbers and used as a trip hammer in  
the blacksmith shop. Supplied with a  
suitable pulley, it is useful in pulverizing  
mine samples. Two pounds of rock can  
be pulverized to pass a 30 screen in  
about two or three minutes.

The presence of grit in crude oil can  
readily be detected by pouring a small  
quantity of the oil on a pane of glass.  
Holding the glass at an angle, the oil  
will spread over the surface and the  
particles of grit, if present, will appear  
as more or less numerous specks on the  
surface of glass, and can be plainly seen.

## GOLDEN NUGGETS

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Golden, B. C., April 4.  
His Honor Judge Forin arrived in  
town from Nelson Thursday last to attend  
the sittings of the County Court. There  
were only a few small cases on, all of  
which were soon disposed of.

M. Carlin has gone to Kault for a few  
days.

Rev. Father Lauridon will hold service  
in the Roman Catholic church tomorrow.

J. C. Green expects to leave on a trip  
to Victoria and Vancouver next week.

Mr. Dollee, of Brandon, Man., engi-  
ner for the steamer Ptarmigan, arrived  
in town today.

Chas. Estaire and A. Hume, of Wil-  
mer, came in on the stage last night.

A. Guy leaves for the prairie shortly.

W. W. Armstrong is expected to  
arrive in town tomorrow from Fort  
Steele, on a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. N.  
Taylor.

Quite a number of drummers are in  
town this week.

Business in town seems to be getting  
quite brisk again.

A subscription list has been commu-  
nicated for the purpose of obtaining funds  
for the erection of a monument in memory  
of Sheriff Redgrave.

J. Wren has brought his bear to life  
again, and it looks quite familiar chained  
to its old post near the Queen's Hotel.

It is understood, a dance is to be held  
in the Columbia hall Easter Monday.

Try Tau Orea for job printing.

The Golden Curling Club held its  
annual meeting on Wednesday, and re-  
ported that the season has been a very  
good one. New officers were appointed  
for the coming year; a chaplain was also  
appointed, but it is a mystery what his  
duties are to be.

The funeral of Sheriff Redgrave, held  
on Sunday last, was one of the largest  
held in Golden for some time. Mem-  
bers of the Masonic Lodge attended in a body.  
The casket was covered with flowers.  
Rev. C. F. Yates gave a short but touch-  
ing address on the Sheriff's life.

A. Murry and V. Anderson, of Field,  
were in town this week.

Jack Moore, who has been out trap-  
ping for some time, has returned to-  
day. He is erecting a house on the  
Government townsite.

The smelter townsite are adding a  
number of huts and buildings will be  
erected as soon as the snow goes suffi-  
ciently to allow of the ground being  
broken.

It pays to advertise in Tau Orea.

## A Canadian Mint.

The agitation started several years ago  
in favor of establishing a mint in Canada  
seems to have died out, at least there  
are no gold coins being packed around  
with a maple leaf on their surface in  
these parts, but silver cartwheels with  
an eagle stamp are wearing out and  
pockets in the jeans of many a good  
Canadian. This should not be, but is.

There is no good reason why our gold  
and silver should be sent out of this  
country to be converted into coin. There  
have been no new arguments advanced  
of late why a Canadian mint should not  
be established and it is hoped before the  
government ends its present session that  
a more will be made to supply us with  
our own gold and silver coins. It is  
computed that there is at least \$25,000,000  
in foreign gold circulating in this  
country which could be advantageously  
replaced by Canadian gold coin.

## IN MEMORY

The following is published at the re-  
quest of a sincere friend of the late  
Sheriff Redgrave:

Green be the turf above thee,  
Friend of my better days!  
None knew thee but to love thee,  
None named thee but to praise thee.

Tears fell when thou wert dying,  
From eyes unseen to weep,  
And long where thou art lying,  
Will tell the cold turf story.

When hearts, whose love was proven,  
Laid thee, are laid in earth,  
There should a wreath be woven  
To tell the world their worth.

It should be mine to build it  
Around thy faded form,  
But I've in vain essayed it  
And I feel I cannot now.

While memory bids me weep thee,  
Nor thoughts nor words are free,  
The grief is fixed too deeply  
That mourns a man like thee.

## TIME IS NOT YET

Sir Wilfred Laurier is credited with  
saying that he favored to Canada taking  
each a part in British's militarism, that  
we would be involved in her wars. He  
feels that it is Canada's duty to take  
upon herself all the necessary ex-  
penditures for home defense. Until the  
Dominion, in the fullness of time, comes  
to share with Britain all the privileges  
of Empire, the time will not have ar-  
rived for taking a portion of all the respon-  
sibilities. In other words, we must be  
partners before we can assume the debts.

The Mother country, says the Montreal  
Herald, is growing under the burden of  
Empire and we are being told in certain  
quarters that it is the duty of the colonies  
to ease this burden. All in good  
time. England has voluntarily assumed  
tremendous responsibilities, but it is  
supposed that few of these are the out-  
come of the Empire's relations with the  
great commonwealths of Canada and  
Australia. Many, many of them are  
the fruits of political struggles and  
alliances of the long ago, or of the in-  
evitable demand of British trade for enlarged  
markets. Why should we, so long as we  
have no voice in the attitude of the Em-  
pire of today towards these responsi-  
bilities, assume obligations that may send  
our young men to the sword, and retard  
our national development? Let us protect  
our own shores, let us save our own  
defense, let us relieve Britain of all  
direct expenditure on our account. Then  
leave us to the time when, and the manner  
in which, in regard for advantage  
we may gain from British's military and  
naval equipment and in recognition of  
the bonds of loyalty and affection that  
unite us with the Mother Land, we will  
again range ourselves, even as in South  
Africa, alongside the forces of the Em-  
pire. But "call us to your councils"  
strip from us the cumbersome title of  
"Colonial," before asking us to assume  
the responsibilities of Empire.

## Here is a Question

Here is a question regarding the min-  
eral law. Suppose a crown-granted  
mineral claim on which all dues and  
taxes had been paid belonged to an in-  
corporated company which failed to take  
out its company license. Who owns the  
claim? By failing to take out its license,  
the company ceases to exist; therefore  
the claim can no longer be the property  
of the company. As the claim is crown-  
granted it cannot run out. As long as  
the taxes are paid or there is sufficient  
work recorded to entitle it to exemption,  
the claim cannot be sold or lapse to the  
crown.—Baudou Paystreak.

The Orea is on sale at A. R. Yates  
Drug Store, Wilmer.

## DISTRICT CROPPINGS

### And Other Items of Interest in a General Way

Tomorrow is Good Friday.

What are you going to wear?

Jack Fox and Arthur Hurst have gone  
to Vancouver.

Rev. R. Taggart will conduct services  
at Galena next Sunday.

A. R. Yates has received a fine lot of  
masks. Avoid the rush.

Philip DeBock is down from the Para-  
dise quite ill, but is recovering.

Mr. Smyth will conduct a special East-  
er service next Sunday evening at 7:30  
in Wilmer.

Chas. Estaire left last week for Ross-  
land and other points. He will return  
in about two weeks.

Frank Stockdale came down from the  
Paradise mine, having mined too much  
lead, but he is now back recovering.

Gen. Wilton, who was slightly injured  
in the last accident at the Paradiso  
Mines, has gone to South East Kootenay.

The mail from Golden did not reach  
Wilmer until noon Tuesday, owing to  
the bad condition of the road at the far  
end.

The first steamer from Golden reached  
Windermere lake last year April 26th.  
It is expected to at least be here 10 days  
earlier this season.

Frank Lang came down Tuesday from  
the Paradise quite ill. He had just re-  
covered from a previous illness and put  
in just four days at work.

The first mail for Cranbrook left Wil-  
mer Tuesday morning. It had finally  
been arranged to have it leave here every  
Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Mrs. Geo. Macmillan has returned to  
Galena, after visiting friends in this  
vicinity for ten days. This was her first  
trip up the valley in about three years.

Mrs. J. L. McKay and Mrs. George  
Reider had the pleasure of a trip across  
Sindair ranch to see the rare sight of a  
family of four lambs—it was on April 1.

Next issue we may publish a list of the  
contents to be worn at the many fairs.  
Our reporter claims to be short just two  
of the ladies costumes, but is sure he  
will have a complete list by next week.

The "Pot Gang" were out of luck the  
other day. After pulling many miles  
down stream to replenish their pot they  
discovered they had left their ammunition  
behind. There was a lot lost but an  
empty pot.

It is now quite fashionable to clean  
up your doorstep. There is a very healthy  
fashion. House-cleaning is the next  
most fashionable, but married men pre-  
fer to be out of the fashion just now and  
are very busy down town.

The building opposite the Wilmer  
Telegraph office has been moved along  
side E. J. Smith's residence, who will  
have it attached to his dwelling and re-  
modelled. In the old cellar two casks  
of butter were found, which were put  
there during the summer of 1899. The  
workmen declare that the butter never  
even moved, but they lost no time in  
filling up the cellar with earth, thus  
burying the butter. This knocks out  
the ancient theory that butter ever  
comes strong enough to walk.

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W. F. FRANK,

Publisher and Proprietor.

WILMER, B.C., THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1903.

In future subscribers to THE OUTCROP in England, Ireland and Scotland may have this paper at the same rate as those in Canada—\$2 per year.

The report of Manager O. D. Hoar, which appears in another column of this issue, makes pleasant reading when one considers the severe criticism which the Laborers' Co-operative Mining Co. has undergone, and THE OUTCROP is pleased to have an opportunity of publishing one so favorable and trusts that the company may yet be enabled to give as favorable reports of its smelter, store, newspaper, etc. This company has undertaken to accomplish several mammoth businesses and its ultimate success means very much to the whole of North East Kootenay. In fact, it has announced things of such magnitude that some people are amazed, nevertheless nothing has yet transpired that any particular fault can be mentioned, while it has been spending a lot of money, and deserves to succeed.

Is British Columbia in the same boat? In the litigation over the exemption of Canadian Pacific Railway lands the full court of Manitoba has given a decision in favor of the contention of the company so far as the lands of that province is concerned. On the main point at issue, the date from which the twenty-year exemption should be counted, the railway company has scored a victory. The court holds that the time must be reckoned not from the execution of the contract, the earning or the selection of the land, but from the issuing of patents. As the company does not patent its land until it is sold the decision makes the exemption perpetual, or as long as the lands are held for sale. The case will be appealed to the Supreme Court, but in the meantime it would be interesting to learn if British Columbia is not in the same position as Manitoba. Indeed, it is more than probable that such is the case. Then what can be done? Simply nothing! If the government gave the C. P. R. this privilege that company is quite right in accepting them and even fighting for them. The dear people can thank themselves for electing men as members of the government who gave their land away, and as they pay with their taxes the amount the bonus land ought to pay it will be pleasant to figure how another railway company can be induced to accept a few million acres of the people's heritage. Soon we will be wise and build government railways.

It is a curious thing that in so many of the new books which deal with social problems of the day, aiming to introduce some system or another which will have the effect of entirely subverting society as at present made up so little notice is taken of religion. For after all religion is the deepest seated sentiment of any implanted in the breast of man, and if it and its workings are left out of calculation, the system proposed without it is likely to develop very serious flaws indeed when put into practice. says the Rossland Evening World.

People are swayed in almost everything by the unconscious training of religion which they have picked up in the earliest environments. And this obtains when the person concerned is member of no church and may be even of distinctly sceptical sentiments. For instance, in this country it is generally looked upon by all classes as more or less sinful to go to the theatre on Sunday. But hundreds of people in Europe, who would certainly call themselves devout Christians, see no objection whatsoever in such a procedure, just as long as the church has not been neglected earlier in the day. These matters have little or nothing to do with religion as they may be believed or disbelieved in by persons who are or who are not Christians or sceptics. But they show how deeply tinged is all society by religious prejudices. And the system that would neglect this phase of human nature will discover that it will have to change that human nature before it will find itself at home.

Indeed so far is religion being eradicated from the

world, that the strongest religious associations of the day are those who hold by the old creeds regardless of the advance of science. The Mohammedan still accepts his old shibboleth and the Chinaman is as tenacious as ever of the tenets of Confucius and Mencius, the Buddhist of those of Gautama and Menu, while the Brahmin looks upon the Christian with his new ideas of the Trinity as an interloper of modern late and holds fast to the old Zendavesta. Even among the Christians themselves, despite the great wave of the reformation of the Fifteenth century, by far the great majority still hold by the old creeds and refuse to change. Yet many a well-meaning reformer, sincerely eager for the advancement of humanity, will neglect all these considerations in his new system and try anew to enact the play of Hamlet with the Prince of Denmark cut out of the cast.

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pocket, and no clouds are in  
your sky; what in this world  
of trouble, can bring you  
greater cheer than a cool and  
shady little nook and a large  
and frothy beer? Other  
have sung the praises  
whiskey and of wine; these  
drinks may suit their ap-  
petites, but I need them not  
in mine; my wishes are but  
modest; I want but little here;  
just a cool and shady little  
nook, a large and frothy beer,  
that I'm always sure to look  
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Who will have the best garden this year? Many are anxious.

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R. B. Bruce noticed the first crocus in his garden in bloom Tuesday.

Fred. Wallace, engineer at the Plurimann compressor, arrived in town on Tuesday, after a stay of many months in the hills.

Protect yourself in old age by taking out a twenty-year Endowment Bond with the Equitable.

Since the last snowstorm 100 tons of ore have been hauled to the Paradise mine down to Pine Flat.

Yester day Walker Tegen was in from the hills and said he had a splendid cultivation in good shape already.

A Wilmer boy says that in lieu of a currant and gardenake is just the pure thing to use on a canyon just now.

Different papers say Jas. I. Hill will build a railway through this valley to Colden. It is to be hoped they are right.

It is now but a little while until the snow will disappear from off the hills and then we may expect men with capital to head this way. The continuous development of our mines during the past year has been heralded abroad and that together with the fact that the prospects of a railway being built through this valley in the near future, has stimulated the enterprising capitalists, who believe in getting in on the ground-floor. Already one new mining company has its representative endeavoring to secure a hold on a promising group of claims and half a dozen others have already signified their intentions of sending in representatives to investigate the rich showings found in the Windermere. No one anticipates a boom, but what is expected is much better than a boom. Investments will be made on business basis. It is now proven that the ore bodies here go down and that these ore bodies are of such a size as will warrant the expenditure of a large amount of capital in development. For these reasons it is justifiable to believe that those men who have had their attention drawn to our mineral resources will see it is to their advantage to invest.

Prospectors, who have claims to sell, will do well to remember that there are many others like themselves and that their price for claims must be most reasonable. It is now the habit of investors to take working bonds on claims and but very little cash payments are made, and by this method the real value of a property is ascertained and that alone is paid for. Thus, a prospector with a good property has a decided advantage.

Occasionally men are heard to say that it is no one's business if a mine owner chooses to keep the public in ignorance as to the workings or condition of any property he may be working and that it is of no advantage to him to give information to the public. This is a very erroneous idea to entertain. In the first place the public owned the ground and allowed the miner the privilege of becoming owner of it. In the second it is a distinct and direct advantage to the miner to give information, perhaps more especially in a new camp.

There are two instances in which it may be profitable to work a mine secretly. One is when it is worked for the manipulation of the stock market, and the other when it is likely to be sold. Any other reasons may generally be assigned to be sentimental. Of course, the business end of mining is private, though often interesting, yet the amount of work done, the ore showing and mined can but be beneficial to a mine when generally known.

In a new mining camp every line of business depends upon the prosperity of the miner. And it is really wonderful the amount of faith men will place on the prospects of ore showing in a mine, which faith is backed up by the expenditure of large sums of money in land, buildings and stocks of every description—all to the benefit of the miner as he can transact his business conveniently and can get his supplies near at hand. As the miner prospers the rest of the people add to their businesses and others start, and as competition enters goods become cheaper. If the public knows nothing of the mine they must guess at what the prospects are, and after all the guess is most frequently right.

But the greatest benefit of the public knowing the condition of a mine is that it influences other men to invest in claims in the same district, and that brings more men into the country and means more business, and helps the first mine. Mining, unlike many other industries, is not degrading. In it competition has no place. There is no need for jealousy—in fact, to have neighbors in the same business is sought after and desirable.

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